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HAL PIPER, BALTIMORE SUN

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1. DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 22 ALTERED REQUEST OF IONAS-VITAUTAS V. LUKOSHYAVICHUS, NEW YORK BASED MOSCOW NEWS CORRESPONDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SON, FOR EXTENSIVE TRIP THROUGH STATE OF FLORIDA BY CAR. ITINERARY INCLUDED CAPE CANAVERAL, MIAMI, ST. PETERSBURG, KEY WEST, ORLANDO (SOME OF WHICH ARE CLOSED AREAS), PLUS ATLANTA AND GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION OF MIAMI AND ST. PETERSBURG BRANCHES AMERICAN LITHUANIAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

2. REQUEST, WHICH INCLUDED CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION, WAS
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APPROVED FOR PLANE TRAVEL ONLY TO MIAMI, ST. PETERSBURG, ATLANTA AND GREENSBORO. SOVIET EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT'S ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION FOR REFUSAL SEP 6 TO PERMIT PIPER TO TRAVEL TO JEWISH AUTONOMOUS OBLAST.
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